



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "If you want more kindness in the world, put it there"
~ Zero Dean

January 28, 2015

Nominate a Volunteer for a Be More Award!

Deadline Feb. 13

You are invited to nominate your favorite extraordinary volunteer for a Be More Award! Ten recipients will earn a \$500 cash award for their volunteer organizations. Nominations will be accepted until Fri., Feb. 13. Nominating is easy and online for your convenience! To learn more, see pictures, and submit your nomination, go to BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org/BeMore. Please contact Lucy Schaich at (812) 349-3433 or volunteer@bloomington.in.gov.

Food Purchasing and Pickup for Sunday Breakfasts

First Christian Church serves breakfast to people who are homeless on Sunday mornings throughout the year. They are seeking someone to shop for food from the Hoosier Hills Food Bank during the week (three weeks a month) and also pick up outdated food from various locations in Bloomington. Training is available; having your own transportation is necessary. Additional volunteers to assist in the kitchen from 7-9:30 a.m. on most Sundays would also be welcome. Minimum age is 25; 16 if with an adult. Please contact Gale Hill at (812) 345-1408 or gbhill45@gmail.com. (www.fccbloomington.org)

YMCA Family Fun Night - Feb. 7

It's a 'Rumble in the Jungle' at the Monroe County Northwest YMCA's Family Fun Night on Saturday, Feb. 7! There will be family-friendly games and fun featuring a Silly Safaris live animal show, inflatables, face painting, and open swim time in the pool. This community event is free to YMCA members and open to the public for just \$10 per family. Volunteers will assist with games, crafts, concessions and clean-up. Minimum age is 12. Please contact Laura Dahncke at ldahncke@monroecountyyymca.org. (www.monroecountyyymca.org)

Engage School Children in the Great Backyard Bird Count - Feb. 13-16

The Great Backyard Bird Count will take place from Feb. 13-16 and the Sassafras Audubon Society would like your assistance! The Audubon Society sponsors classrooms in area schools by providing them with bird feeders, seed, and identification instruction. Volunteers are needed to install the feeders and assist with the bird count. This is a great opportunity for outdoor enthusiasts and former teachers! Minimum age is 18. Please contact David Rupp at (812) 679-8978 or david_rupp@hotmail.com. (www.sassafrasaudubon.org)

Quilt Show Hostesses and Greeters – Mar. 5-7

The Indiana Heritage Quilt Show, which will take place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 5, 6 and 7, draws upwards of 4,000 attendees thanks to the beautiful quilts on display, classes taught by nationally recognized instructors, and scores of vendors from throughout the Midwest. You don't need to be a quilter to volunteer! Two or three hour assignments are available for White Glove Hostesses, Ticket and Merchandise Sales, Entry Gate Monitors, and the Stow & Go coat check room. Sit-down positions can be requested. Volunteering at the show is a fun way to meet new friends and share the hospitality that is Bloomington's hallmark. Volunteers receive a free one-day admission to the show - an \$8 value! Minimum age is 16; 13 if with an adult. If you can help, register online at <http://www.ihqs.org/2015-volunteer-information/> or send an email to volunteers@ihqs.org indicating your preference for day, time, and assignment. Those without email can call Susan Brewer at 812-322-6956. (www.ihqs.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

El Centro Comunal Latino

A grassroots, community-based organization that seeks to provide an accessible and safe space for all Latinos, with a focus on Spanish-speaking people, to find information, access resources and hold community events. To grant a wish, contact Jane Walter at (812) 272-9184 or waltjm@gmail.com. (www.elcentrocomunal.com)

Wishes: poster boards, colored paper, glue, markers, computer, printer, table top display board with Velcro fabric (54 x 30 inch), copy paper, scissors

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

